

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Ministry of Industry has not received any complaint regarding refusal by cement manufacturers to sell cement to Government departments.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal with the Government at present.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) After decontrol of distribution and price of cement there has been an impressive growth of the industry both in terms of capacity and production and technology. Since the installed capacity is much in excess of domestic demand there is competition in the market which prevents suppliers from increasing the prices unreasonably.

[Translation]

Janata Cloth Scheme

2218. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of funds released by the Government under the Janata Cloth Scheme to Gujarat during each of the last three years;

(b) whether any request of Gujarat for release of old subsidy amounting to several lakh of rupees under the Janata Cloth Scheme is pending with the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the subsidy is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) Details of funds released to Government of Gujarat during last three years under Janata Cloth Scheme are as follows :-

(Rs. in lakh)		
1993-94	-	Rs. 155.37
1994-95	-	Rs. 147.15
1995-96	-	Rs. 27.49

(b) to (d). A sum of Rs. 22.76 lakhs was disallowed from the claims of Gujarat Rajya Handloom and Audyogic Sahkari Federation Limited under Janata Cloth Scheme for 1991-92, 1992-93 (for the quarters January-March'92 and April-June'92) as these claims were not found eligible as per the guidelines for implementation of the Scheme. The Government of Gujarat have represented to Government of India for release of this amount which is being re-examined and a decision would be taken soon.

Group Insurance Scheme

2219. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have introduced Group Insurance Scheme for powerloom workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of powerloom workers covered under the scheme so far State-wise; and

(d) the number of powerloom workers likely to be covered under the scheme during the year 1996-97 State-wise and funds earmarked thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The Government of India had introduced a Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers in association with the Life Insurance Corporation of India during the year 1992-93 (Statement enclosed). All powerloom workers of age between 18 and 60 years and those who had worked during the year shall be eligible for Insurance under this scheme. A weaver who had earned at least a minimum average pay of Rs. 700/- per month during a year can join the scheme. Every member of a family who satisfies the minimum income condition alongwith all other conditions of eligibility for the scheme shall be eligible to join the scheme. The scheme envisages an annual premium to be shared equality by the Central Government, the State Government and the powerloom Worker. For an insurance coverage of Rs. 10,000/- the annual premium will be Rs. 120/-. Contribution of Government of India would be channelised through the State Government on reimbursement basis.

Number of workers to be covered in a year depends upon the proposals submitted by the State Governments under the scheme.

Benefits :

- On the death of a member, the sum assured of Rs. 10,000/- under the policy shall become payable provided the member is a powerloom worker as defined for the purpose. In addition to the basic sum assured the amount accumulated in the running account would become payable with interest of 11% per annum.
- On reaching the terminal date or being disqualified as a powerloom worker, the accumulation in the running account only would become payable with interest at 11% per annum.
- In case of death due to accident an amount of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) will be paid to the family of the member in addition to the accumulated amount in the members running account payable with interest of 11% per annum.

STATEMENT

Statement Showing the Amount of Funds Released to State Government towards Central share under the Group Insurance scheme for Powerloom Workers during the year 1992-93 to 1996-97 (November 1996)

S.No.	State	Year							
		1993-94		1994-95		1995-96		1996-97 (upto Nov., 96)	
		Funds released	Workers covered	Funds released	Workers covered	Funds released	Workers covered	Funds released	Workers covered
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8,35,000	20,875	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Delhi	-	-	520	13	-	-	520	13
3.	Himachal Pradesh	2,360	50 ⁿ	2360	59	-	-	-	-
4.	Karnataka	10,00,000	25,000	-	-	10,00,000	25,000	-	-
5.	Madhya Pradesh	47,720	1,193	37,040	926	1,75,800	4,395	62,720	1,568
6.	Maharashtra	-	-	-	-	10,00,000	25,000	-	-
7.	Orissa	-	-	1,00,000	2,500	-	-	-	-
8.	Rajasthan	12,360	309	54,920	1,373	53,680	1,342	-	-
9.	Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-	32,200	805	-	-
10.	Uttar Pradesh	5,40,000	13,500	5,00,000	12,500	5,00,000	12,500	-	-
11.	West Bengal	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,000	1,700
Total		24,37,440	60,936	6,94,840	17,371	27,61,680	69,242	1,31,240	3,281

Limits on Banks Credit to Central Government

2220. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to impose statutory limits on the Bank's net credit to the Central Government in a year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to place constitutional limits on the Government power to borrow from the market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). An agreement was signed on 9th September, 1994 between Government of India and RBI to gradually phase out the system of borrowing by the Government from the latter through issue of adhoc treasury bills by 1996-97. An alternative system is under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d). The feasibility of putting a statutory ceiling on borrowing by the Government is under consideration.

Setting up of new Industries in U.P.

2221. SHRI RAMSHAKAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh has been received by the Union Government for giving approval for setting up new industries in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the approval has been accorded by the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken on the above proposals?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (d). During the period from January, 1994 to October, 1996 only two proposals for the State of Uttar Pradesh have been filed by Pradeshhiya Industrial and Investment Corporation of U.P. Ltd. (PICUP). These have been forwarded to the Administrative Ministry for comments.

[English]

Closed NTC Mills

2222. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of NTC textile Mills lying closed at present, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) the loss suffered and the number of employees rendered jobless as a result of closure of these Mills;

(c) whether the Government propose to hand over such Mills to private sector or to Workers co-operatives;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) and (b). No mill under NTC is lying closed as per the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act. There is only partial/total cessation of activities in some of the mills. Out of the 120 mills under NTC there is total